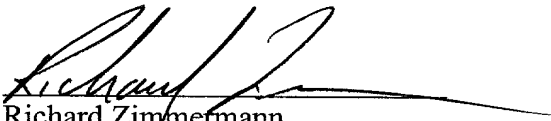


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please enter the following preliminary amendment.

In the specification:

At page 1, under the Title and before the heading "Field of the Invention," please insert the following paragraph:

--This application is a divisional application of U.S. patent application Serial No: 09/407,715, filed September 28, 1999 which is a continuation of U.S. patent application Serial No: 09/005,970, filed January 12, 1998 which issued as U.S. Patent No: 5,959,079, which is a divisional of U.S. patent application Serial No: 08/721,684 filed September 27, 1996, which issued as U.S. Patent No: 5,854,016.--

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-11 and 16-28.

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Please amend claim 12 as follows:

12. (Amended) An antibody specifically immunoreactive with a mCREBa polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 2.

REMARKS

The specification is amended to include the priority claim to all parent applications.

Claim 12 is amended to include limitation from original claim 1, from which claim 12 depended as originally filed. The amendment is necessitated by cancellation of claim 1. Marked up version of claim 12 is found in Appendix A. Upon entry of the present amendment, pending claims in the application will read as set out in Appendix B hereto.

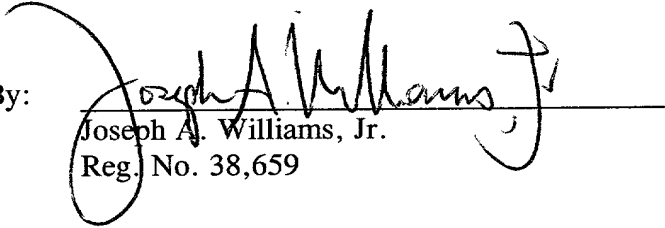
The amendments include no new matter.

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APPENDIX A

12. (Amended) An antibody specifically immunoreactive with [the polypeptide according to claim 1] a mCREBa polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 2.

APPENDIX B

1. An antibody specifically immunoreactive with a mCREBa polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 2.
2. The antibody according to claim 1 which is a monoclonal antibody.
3. A hybridoma which secretes the antibody according to claim 2.
4. An anti-idiotypic antibody specifically immunoreactive with the antibody according to claim 1.